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SUBJECT: RWANDA RECOGNIZES VIET-NAMS AND CAMBODIA

REF: KIGALI 257 AND PREVIOUS

1. DURING VISIT TO PRC SEPT 8-12, RWANDAN FONMIN NSEKALIJE ANNOUNCED GOR RECOGNITION NORTH AND SOUTH VIET-NAM PLUS CAMBODIA. AS DEPT WILL RECALL, GOR HAD AVOIDED TAKING SUCH ACTION IN RESPONSE EMB DEMARCHES MID AND LATE 1974.

2. FOLLOWING RETURN FROM VARIOUS TRIPS ABROAD, FONMIN AND AMB HAD TOUR D'HORIZON SEPT 30. AT END OF MEETING, FONMIN NOTED ONLY TOPIC NOT RAISED WAS ONE HE EXPECTED I.E. WHAT ABOUT GOR RECOGNITION? HE THEN WENT ON TO NOTE GOR HAD NOT TAKEN ACTION LAST YEAR IN DEFERENCE USG ALTHOUGH UNDER "EXTREME" PRESSURE FROM "NON-ALIGNED" AND COMMUNIST AID DONORS. HOWEVER, PRESSURES CONTINUE EXIST AND GOR FELT IT COULD NO LONGER WITHSTAND THEM.

3. AMB REPLIED RECOGNITION NEW SEASIAN REGIMES DECISION FOR EACH GOVERNMENT TO MAKE IN ACCORDANCE ITS POLICIES. USG NOT ENGAGED IN CAMPAIGN AGAINST NEW GOVERNMENTS SEASIA AS EVIDENCED OUR WILLINGNESS HAVE THEM
SEATED IN UN PROVIDED ROK ALSO ADMITTED IN ACCORDANCE UNI-
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VERSALITY PRINCIPLE. IN USG CASE, MAJOR BILATERAL PROBLEMS

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REMAIN TO BE RESOLVED BEFORE USG COULD CONSIDER RECOGNITION.
ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT IS STATUS US MISSING PRISONERS OF
WAR. IF GOR HAS CONTACT WITH REPS OF NEW REGIME, USG WOULD
APPRECIATEANY CONSTRUCTIVE RWANDAN EFFORT. FONMIN NODDED
AND COMMENTED IT UNFAIR FOR PRISONER PROBLEMS TO REMAIN WHEN A
WAR IS OVER. FRITTS

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